

Cross to be awarded to a naval aviator was awarded to Richard E. Byrd, of the U.S. Navy Air Corps, for his flight to the North Pole. The contributions of these great aviators and those that followed are honored by this prestigious award.

In 1994 the Distinguished Flying Cross Society was formed as a nonprofit organization whose members have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. The society has established scholarships and benefits for organizations and individuals throughout the Nation that are seeking to make advances in aviation.

In February of this year the Distinguished Flying Cross Society officially recognized a new chapter, the Las Vegas Wings Chapter in Southern Nevada. The great State of Nevada is home to more than 260,000 veterans many of which have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. As a Member of Congress and a Nevadan, I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome, to the Las Vegas Wings Chapter, of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and heartfelt gratitude that I salute these great American heroes and the Las Vegas Wings Chapter of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society.

HONORING MR. BILL BUEVENS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bill Buevens for his commitment to safety as an air traffic controller at the Dallas/Fort Worth Terminal Radar Approach Control.

On a warm, cloudy night with poor visibility, Mr. Buevens noticed American Airlines Flight 599 approaching the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport lined up incorrectly on the runway by fault of the instrument landing systems.

After noticing that a problem might potentially arise, Buevens remained on constant watch of Flight 599 which seemed weary on his instinct. Drawing on his 18 years of experience and hunch, Buevens' fear proved true when the plane lined up to the wrong runway where another flight was taxiing for take off.

Buevens immediately alerted the tower controller who then contacted the pilot and re-allowed the flight to the correct runway. This save is credited as remarkable because of the radar display.

Mr. Buevens was honored with the NATCA's Archies League Medal of Safety, which is named for the first U.S. air traffic controller. He is one of 11 controllers honored this year for saves.

I am honored to today to recognize the exceptional service of Mr. Bill Buevens. His knowledge and dedication to safety saved not only the air line from a great travesty, but also kept the estimated 300 passengers out of harm's way.

TRIBUTE TO THE BERGEN RECORD

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to all those at the

Bergen Record newspaper who worked on the excellent award-winning 'Toxic Legacy' series of articles, which documented Ford Motor Company's dumping of toxic waste in northern Bergen and Passaic Counties in New Jersey.

The latest award from the Society of Professional Journalists is a testament to the dedicated reporting of Jan Barry, Barbara Williams, Tom Troncone, Mary Jo Layton, Alex Nussbaum and Lindy Washburn, photographer Thomas E. Franklin, Editor Debra Lynn Vial, and project leader Tim Nostrand.

Investigative journalism of the caliber shown in this series is critical to an informed electorate and democracy. I am proud that so many prestigious journalism awards have gone to a daily newspaper written, printed, and distributed in my own District. Residents of Bergen and Passaic Counties are privileged to have access to a vibrant and competitive free press in New Jersey.

HONORING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ONONDAGA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th Anniversary of The Onondaga County Medical Society. The Onondaga County Medical Society was first founded back on July 1, 1806. Back then, 11 physicians met on top of Onondaga Hill at the first Onondaga County Courthouse to establish this great society.

Since its founding, the society has helped Central New York deal with some of the more menacing health threats of the time. In the 1830s, physician members of the society dealt with Asiatic cholera. In the 1900s, the society addressed the local impact of the worldwide flu; which resulted in over 750 deaths within the Syracuse area. During the 1950s the society assisted the local community in dealing with the polio epidemic. Currently, the society and its more than 1,260 members are working with the New York State Department of Health in preparation for the possibility of a bird flu outbreak.

The Onondaga County Medical Society also played a leading role in the establishment of the College of Medicine at Syracuse in 1872. In 1950, this college went on to become the Upstate Medical University, which has become a tremendous resource and aide for the entire Central New York region.

Throughout its history, The Onondaga County Medical Society has played an important role in the healthcare of the people of Central New York. Members have done their best to live up to the Society's motto, "to promote and preserve quality health care by working for patients, physicians and the community."

On behalf of the people of Central New York, I applaud the 200 years of hard work members of The Onondaga County Medical Society have provided. I wish the Society the best of luck and expect nothing but the best service in the many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER AWARD PRESENTED TO BLACK CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Black Construction Corporation of Guam on the occasion of it being awarded the Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence in the construction category by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Named for the president under whom the SBA was founded, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence honors large federal contractors nationwide with the most outstanding small business subcontracting programs.

Each year, the SBA awards those businesses and federal agencies that have excelled in various aspects of federal procurement. To be eligible for consideration for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence a company must first be the recipient of the SBA Award of Distinction. The SBA has twice honored Black Construction Corporation for its record of support for small business on Guam and throughout Micronesia, following a nationwide review of construction companies that are awarded federal contracts. It is my hope that companies that are prime contractors for federal construction projects heed the example set by Black Construction Corporation and will continue to subcontract with local small businesses.

The vast majority of American companies are small businesses. They are the largest creator of private sector jobs. American small businesses have also established a strong record of innovation and are routinely implementing cutting edge technologies. Furthermore, the success of local economies is dependant upon the strength of small businesses. As local small businesses grow stronger, so do the communities in which they serve. Black Construction Corporation fulfills an essential role in that process on Guam and throughout Micronesia by utilizing small businesses to complete federal construction projects.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF MR. DAVID FOY FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a constituent, a public servant, an American patriot who laid down his life in support of the ideals of our great nation.

On March 2, 2006, David Foy, a Department of State Facilities Manager for our Consulate in Karachi, Pakistan was killed, along with three other individuals, by a suicide bomber. We will never forget David's service, nor its premature end.

David Foy served his country by dedicating 23 years of his life to the United States Navy retiring as a Senior Chief. But David